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certain quere detection where detection without effect of Air For have been rather that	owing the President's approval in principle last January and partite agreement last April, the Three Powers have taken wiet military preparatory and precautionary measures which etable by Soviet intelligence. These measures seem to have but noticeable effect on the Soviets, however. Perhaps the etive measure in a psychological sense will be the transferred units from France to Germany, although this action will a by-product of our difficulties with General de Gaulle un a move taken as part of agreed contingency plans.	160.00/1
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In order to stre Soviets by convincing tain our position in Berlin even at the risk of war, we must undertake additional and more impressive military preparatory measures. We do not yet have any specific suggestions. Proposals for such measures will have to be worked out urgently by the Departments of State and Defense, and by General Norstad and his tripartite staff. also have to be discussed with the British and French in the Tripartite Group chaired by Mr. Murphy.

We should like to have the President's approval in principle for including in the additional measures some which, if they come to the attention of the public, might cause a certain amount of uneasiness but would not create an atmosphere of crisis.

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